



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ramey et al. Examiner: John J. Kreck
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 FROM NAHCOLITIC OIL SHALE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 23, 2004, said period of response being extended from three months to six months.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of July 2004.

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